

Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 200.00

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Application Number 10/665,358
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Art Unit 3671
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180
Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
0	0

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee(\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
34 - 42 or HP= 0 x 0 = 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee(\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
8 - 7 or HP= 1 x 200 = 200

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

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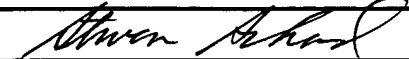
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:	:	
	:	ATTY DKT NO.: 51291.00189
ROBERT K. EMRICH	:	
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SERIAL NO.: 10/665,358	:	GROUP ART UNIT: 3671
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FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2003	:	EXAMINER: C. Novosad
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FOR: COUPLING ARRANGEMENT	:	

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows.

The Election is provided on page 2 of this Response.

The Amendment to the claims begins on page 3.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 15.

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ELECTION

Applicant elects without traverse to proceed with Species 1 pertaining to Figures 1-17. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 9-19, 22-27, 30-32, 35-39 and 42 are readable on the elected species. Applicant believes independent claims 1, 10, 11, 22, 30, 36 and 42 are generic to both embodiments.